

by Everglades Ernie

The ocean has had just the right amount of chop to it to keep the summer fishing in general in the very good zone. Lots of variety and sizes of fish available. Huge wahoo and kingfish to big size and numbers of dolphin have all taken baits this past week and this trend should continue. Along with the rain showers and storms.

Nice size schools of baitfish are roaming the ocean shoreline and running the inlets at every tide change. This annual occurrence marks the season when big tarpon, snook, and sharks become trouble for beachgoers

and others, but ocean beach anglers love this annual event. Hunting down these baitfish schools is your responsibility. If you are surfcasting you must walk the beach. If you are in a boat you must troll in close to the shoreline. It should not take you long to spot a baitfish school. Also hunting down these baitfish schools will be giant tarpon, snook, jack, shark, barracuda, whiting and a host of smaller shallow water reef fish.

Tarpon are common sights along the beach shoreline early in the morning. These fish are traveling in small to large numbers. Once a school

of tarpon forms up, they can be seen balling up the baitfish and making fast passes through the bait ball. It's an impressive sight. Snook are often with the tarpon, just remember snook season is closed and you have to release all snook caught. If you want to keep a tarpon your fishing license must have a tarpon stamp.

Dolphin fishing is good but could be better. If you want dolphin you are going to have to catch live bait and then look for color changes in the water to find small to mid-size dolphin. The seaweed lines and mats are smaller than last week and way smaller than four weeks ago, but there are still plenty of big seagrass mats available to fish. The most experienced dolphin hunters are taking the biggest fish.

Otherwise, it's bonito after bonito being caught all over the normal fishing grounds. So good luck!

The Fourth of July is on a Thursday two weeks from now. This summer

holiday will probably last Thursday thru Sunday afternoon, and that means the boat ramps will be extremely busy for four days. This extended weekend will be one of the most crowded, out of control boating four days of the year. It's even worse than opening day of the recreational mini lobster season. You can bet every marine cop, and thanks to President Trump Coast Guard patrol boat in the state of Florida will be patrolling the Intracoastal Waterway from Jacksonville to Florida City.

In Boynton, the fireworks display will close their boat ramp on Wednesday. Beginning Wednesday every boater in Palm Beach County will be scrabbling, fighting, hogging, crying and clogging every open boat ramp in Palm Beach County. In other words, expect a mess.

Also, expect to see some of the most leaf littered; green mold covered boat hauls you have seen since last Fourth of July weekend. These guys never fail to show up. They need their own YouTube

channel, yes, it gets that funny. These once a year boaters haul out there leaf littered green mold seat covered watercraft out from under a tree or ragged tarp, limp the boat along on rusted out axels, with wheel bearings scrapping, on an almost bent in half trailer to a crowded public boat ramp. They wait in line for their turn to back down the boat ramp, and then and only then, discover the roach infested, spiderweb infused relic of a once mighty engine will not start because the battery has been dead since the fifth of July last year. This situation happens every year during the Fourth of July boating rush at all public boat ramps in Palm Beach County and in most of the other counties that have ocean or Gulf water access.

If you have not started your vessel in over one month, start your boat at your house first. Please make your, "I never do any maintenance to my boat ever," "Oh my bad," facial expression at your house and not at a busy public boat ramp.

Freshwater anglers are

having a good fishing period for bass and other popular species thanks to the amount of rain and the moving current created by the open Intracoastal spillway locks. Fish your favorite place and load up on your favorite baits because bass fishing is good currently and should stay good until about a week after the heavy rain storms stop.

Panfish are biting during the early morning. Use live crickets, red wriggler worms or use my favorite panfish bait, a big night crawler worm, as bait and you will load up the fish-fry bucket.

Lake Okeechobee guides are reporting excellent catches of bass during the morning. Bass catches taper off during the high sun period of the day. Fishing after any one of the daily rain storms you can experience some great topwater catches and maybe even some good jumping bass action. Get your phones and video cameras ready, it's going to be a great week for catching big bass.

One other option that may be considered is to sell the business and for the spouses to split the profits from the sale. The problem with this option is that the vast majority of small businesses that employ less than 10 individuals rely primarily on the business owner and the goodwill that they have established with their client base and with the community.

A third party business person cannot buy this goodwill as part of the business. Personal goodwill is not a hard asset. Therefore, the business will not be nearly as valuable to a third party as it is to the business owner that build the business in the community and has an established book of business.

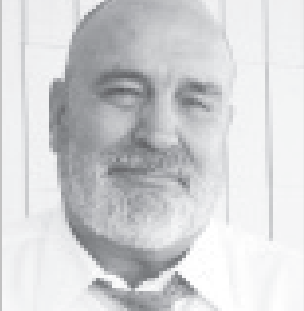
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# Car Clinic

By Jorge Goyanes Car Clinic

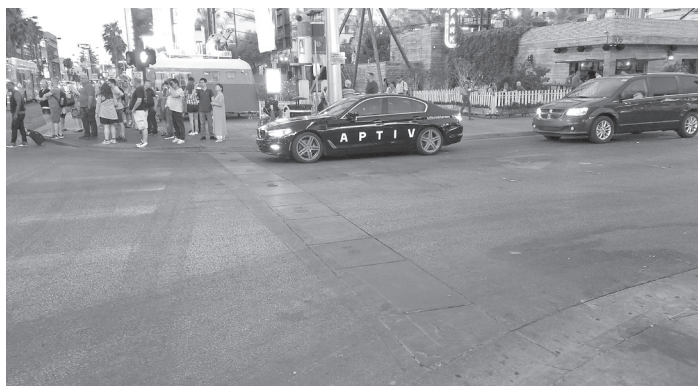


Things that are changing in the automobile sector: One of the latest advancements is driverless cars and trucks. I am writing this column from Las Vegas Nevada as I qualified to play in a poker tournament, the Bar Poker Open thru my local league in South Florida, the No Limit Pub Poker league.

Driver-less vehicles are being tested by Lyft here on a large scale. The car is driver-less with a person sitting in the drivers seat in case they need to take over. I have seen them here in the cities and on the expressways. Eventually once they perfect the system you will call a taxi or a share ride and a car will show up without a driver. Of course GPS is the key to this so

that system will guide you to your destination.

I talked to one of the Lyft drivers and she said a lot of the trucking companies were testing driverless rigs to see how that worked. She said it was to keep the drivers from having to drive many hours and to shorten their trips. I see it as a way to eliminate drivers, keep driver hours to a minimum and not having to pay benefits, health



insurance, or retirement benefits.

I see it that it might work in a city like Las Vegas, Orlando or Miami, heavy tourist areas. We did use Lyft here to get to the hotel from the airport and short trips around town.

For example some friends took the Super Shuttle from the airport to our hotel, it was \$25 dollars and it made about four stops before they were dropped off at the hotel and took about an hour for that to happen. We took a Lyft and it took about twenty minutes and it cost \$19 dollars plus a \$2 dollar tip.

Times are a changing, technology is upon us. As always be well, take care and check that air.

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## Small Business And Divorce

The issue of small business ownership and how the business interest will be addressed in divorce proceedings is a major issue if either spouse is a business owner.

What happens to the business when the parties divorce?

A detailed analysis should be performed by experienced divorce counsel to determine a value to be assigned to the business and the business duties that have been performed by each spouse during the marriage.

The legal analysis performed regarding the marital business should ultimately render an opinion as to which spouse is better suited to run the business once the divorce is finalized.

Working toward a settlement agreement where former spouses continuing to own and operate a small business together after the

divorce is final is not recommended.

The business and client relationships, skill, expertise and other vital components required to keep the business running should ultimately determine which spouse takes full ownership of the business as part of the divorce settlement.

This distribution of the business to one spouse will very likely come with strings attached if the business is a successful one. The spouse receiving the business may have the option of paying a one-time lump sum payment to the other spouse as part of the divorce to buy them out of the business. Another option is for the spouse receiving 100% of the business agreeing to pay a set monthly alimony payment to the spouse not receiving the business for a fixed number of years.



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